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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1956

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1956 -

Males - 350,215

Females - 330,471

Persons - 680,686

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -

Persons - 369,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	474	428	4,249	4,206
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.21	7.58	7.54	7.68
Births - Number	1,555	1,395	14,416	13,979
* Rate per 1000 of Population	26.94	24.69	25.59	25.51
Deaths - Number	505	452	4,782	4,483
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.75	8.00	8.49	8.18
Infant - Number	27	28	328	308
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	17.36	20.07	22.75	22.03
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH				
Tuberculosis	2	3	37	27
Malignant neoplasms	59	74	671	625
Diabetes mellitus	8	6	56	52
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	11	15
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	52	58	572	533
Diseases of the heart	167	146	1,496	1,425
Hypertension with heart disease	12	9	122	124
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	10	9	64	57
Arteriosclerosis	13	10	136	122
Influenza	5	1	15	11
Pneumonia	20	16	198	163
Bronchitis	6	5	50	41
Other respiratory disease	11	9	69	52
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	4	29	25
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	-	12	17
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	6	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	1	20	16
Nephritis and nephrosis	8	4	67	57
Disease of the prostate	4	1	43	41
Maternal causes	-	3	6	12
Disease of early infancy	13	17	185	176
Motor vehicle accidents	20	5	157	158
Other accidents	22	15	197	185
Suicide	10	9	80	63
All other causes	55	45	478	473
Total:	505	452	4,782	4,483

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, 1956, totalled 673,593 acres, a decrease of 6,946 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,876,846 acres, a decrease of 4,510,342.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,383,410	4,566,796	20,868,221	18,917,142
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 8. 6	6. 16. 10	30. 13. 10	28. 10. 2
Expenditure	4,913,379	4,268,425	23,480,549	20,934,406
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SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of November, 1956, amounted to £61,396,351 or £89.17.10 per head of population as against £54,669,237 or £81.15.6 per head at the end of November, 1955.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for four weeks ended 28th November, 1956, amounted to £15,265,877 compared with £14,469,671 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No.	1,352	1,870	7,244	8,878
	£.	2,082,925	2,838,552	10,202,941	12,138,626
Mortgages	No.	1,079	1,094	5,219	5,703
	£.	1,882,469	2,178,355	9,464,259	11,516,441
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	793	706	4,054	4,123

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
November, 1956	3,344,580	2,252,917	10,088,058	573,693
November, 1955	4,255,037	2,380,379	8,756,579	483,559
Five Months ended November, 1956	16,527,420	10,929,985	48,147,712	2,443,428
Five Months ended November, 1955	18,472,225	12,748,645	45,304,532	2,277,577

COMPANIES REGISTERED

86 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,403,000 and 40 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 92 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,979,000 and 40 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Five Months ended NOVEMBER					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	44	114,198	124,819	27	49,115	20,817
Deeds of Assignment (a)	40	150,524	186,745	22	115,683	118,785
Deeds of Arrangements	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,396,200	1,086,300	5,205,000	4,244,800
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,456,434	1,309,638	5,329,348	4,979,959
Train Miles Run No.	766,521	688,085	3,071,848	2,745,316
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 128,446	(b) 127,733	(c) 455,211	(c) 470,204
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,159,353	1,083,339	4,526,153	4,116,403
Motor Bus No.	32,787	27,477	110,204	109,462
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	363,339	259,176	1,497,457	1,094,707
Livestock	23,347	17,412	63,266	54,523
Departmental (Free Freight)	65,641	64,287	241,010	281,965
Total:	452,327	340,875	1,801,733	1,431,195
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	58,769,077	44,625,841	245,093,086	186,434,258
Livestock	2,876,042	2,310,256	8,553,270	7,575,823
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,677,157	6,788,293	29,208,709	30,688,713
Total:	69,322,276	53,724,390	282,855,065	224,698,794

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 13th October.

(c) Period ended 13th October.

* Figures liable to revision.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63
June	274	137	2	29	491	311	5	49
July	364	173	1	39	637	376	3	63
August	546	203	1	49	933	422	8	75
September	459	128	4	43	804	329	11	79
October	476	144	1	76	846	404	4	105

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
July	62,938	24,520	572	9,274	98,258	62,841	1,188	13,356
August	63,270	24,555	572	9,170	98,977	63,085	1,195	13,278
September	63,514	24,585	569	9,164	99,566	63,310	1,199	13,308
October	64,101	24,671	570	9,165	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

- (a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.
(b) Not yet available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)
Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
	3,234	4,247	13,853	16,366	14,150	7,233	40,767	20,289
Interstate	8,578	7,044	30,295	29,041	3,775	1,655	14,258	13,995
Total:	11,812	11,291	44,148	45,407	17,925	8,888	55,025	34,284

(a) Name of the person		Date of birth		Place of birth		Date of death		Place of death	
1	John Doe	1900	12/25	New York	NY	1950	12/25	New York	NY
2	Jane Smith	1905	03/10	Chicago	IL	1960	03/10	Chicago	IL
3	Robert Johnson	1910	07/15	Los Angeles	CA	1970	07/15	Los Angeles	CA
4	Mary White	1915	01/05	San Francisco	CA	1980	01/05	San Francisco	CA
5	William Brown	1920	09/20	Philadelphia	PA	1990	09/20	Philadelphia	PA
6	Elizabeth Black	1925	06/01	Boston	MA	1995	06/01	Boston	MA
7	James Green	1930	11/12	Seattle	WA	2000	11/12	Seattle	WA
8	Patricia Gray	1935	04/28	Portland	OR	2005	04/28	Portland	OR
9	Richard Hall	1940	08/03	Denver	CO	2010	08/03	Denver	CO
10	Susan King	1945	02/14	San Diego	CA	2015	02/14	San Diego	CA

(b) Name of the person		Date of birth		Place of birth		Date of death		Place of death	
11	Michael Lee	1950	05/01	San Jose	CA	2000	05/01	San Jose	CA
12	Linda Scott	1955	10/18	San Antonio	TX	2010	10/18	San Antonio	TX
13	David Wilson	1960	03/22	San Jose	CA	2015	03/22	San Jose	CA
14	Karen Taylor	1965	07/05	San Jose	CA	2020	07/05	San Jose	CA
15	Christopher Evans	1970	12/10	San Jose	CA	2020	12/10	San Jose	CA
16	Amanda Harris	1975	01/25	San Jose	CA	2020	01/25	San Jose	CA
17	Matthew Clark	1980	04/12	San Jose	CA	2020	04/12	San Jose	CA
18	Stephanie Lewis	1985	06/03	San Jose	CA	2020	06/03	San Jose	CA
19	Anthony Walker	1990	08/15	San Jose	CA	2020	08/15	San Jose	CA
20	Victoria Young	1995	11/20	San Jose	CA	2020	11/20	San Jose	CA

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956 -										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508
Sept. Qr.	354	1,041	1,091	3,122	23	177	249	2,145	1,717	6,485

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956 -										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,116
Sept. Qr.	693	2,393	6	19	580	1,342	2	2	1,281	3,756

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	NOVEMBER		11 Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	64,113	66,622	747,349	775,326
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	1,001,763	1,040,967	11,677,305	12,114,475
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	400,948	250,000	1,741,271	1,522,871

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3063	2870	2970	2848	2680	2561	2626	2537
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3216	3070	3130	3017	2579	2502	2539	2473
Northam	3115	2928	2996	2910	2607	2511	2552	2496
Bunbury	3101	2981	3024	2927	2687	2581	2631	2550
Geraldton	3182	2990	3054	2940	2849	2702	2796	2668
Collie	3135	2987	3048	2949	2450	2374	2410	2349

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227	135,482	44,565	180,047
July	135,696	43,901	179,597	134,639	44,545	179,184
August	135,857	43,758	179,615	134,685	44,019	178,704
September	136,616	43,913	180,529	134,431	44,167	178,598
October	136,291	43,924	180,215	134,494	44,189	178,683
November	136,970	44,401	181,371			
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	235
July	211	221	230	237	233
August	212	221	230	238	232
September	211	223	232	240	233
October	212	224	233	240	234
November	213	227	234	242	
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State					
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female			
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.			
29/10/56	13.	5.	2	8.	12.	4	13.	2.	11	8.	10.	9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	44,182	40,811	226,364	212,316
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	39,818	36,812	204,778	189,912

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1956	7,564	455	203,715	14,753
October, 1955	7,514	359	201,546	14,253
4 Months ended October, 1956	51,644	1,649	538,436	46,758
4 Months ended October, 1955	50,272	1,513	553,489	57,185

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956 -										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	210	83	697	240	4	9	237	114
May	604	173	186	78	790	251	9	9	228	109
June	537	186	193	61	730	247	11	2	225	88
July	556	187	172	72	728	259	3	3	213	104
August	458	176	182	57	640	233	8	10	223	73
September	479	202	172	72	651	274	8	6	226	98
October	530	167	165	68	695	235	9	6	197	86
Total, 10 Months ended October	4,955	1,710	1,810	708	6,765	2,418	80	66	2,204	1,005

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location	Event	Remarks
1922	Jan	1	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	2	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	3	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	4	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	5	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	6	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	7	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	8	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	9	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	10	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	11	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	12	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	13	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	14	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	15	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	16	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	17	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	18	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	19	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	20	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	21	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	22	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	23	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	24	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	25	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	26	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	27	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	28	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	29	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	30	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul
1922	Jan	31	10:00	St. Paul	Arrival	From St. Paul

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	249	448	2,564	3,849
Bricks - Cement	'000	203	358	1,002	1,834
- Clay	'000	8,361	9,535	38,960	45,655
Enamels	gal.	6,150	5,460	29,042	42,057
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	129	201	537	995
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,898	2,274	9,687	11,094
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex-	gal.	26,494	20,949	96,736	91,328
cluding Water Paints	'000	352	717	2,199	4,120
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 20,483	(a) 20,067	(b) 77,272	(b) 80,756
Timber, Sawn					
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	848	731	3,746	3,720
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	734	241	1,312	3,387
Shirts (all types) Men's					
and Boys'	doz.	5,601	5,070	23,715	21,675
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	527	569	2,416	2,648
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	189	284	1,023	1,404
- 2 piece	no.	2,180	2,539	9,292	10,663
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	6,079	4,023	26,066	18,989
- Work	no.	14,715	9,616	76,459	45,119
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	29,338	28,441	156,287	145,570
Sandals	pair	21,643	26,860	108,815	82,660
Slippers	pair	37,663	40,486	179,406	161,712
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,816	1,744	6,745	6,811
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	611	714	3,004	3,140
Butter	'000 lb.	2,282	2,370	11,001	10,629
Cheese	'000 lb.	373	286	1,599	1,089
Confectionery (not					
chocolate)	'000 lb.	447	362	1,826	1,684
Jams	'000 lb.	33	70	254	352
Margarine	'000 lb.	111	109	673	594
Sauce - Tomato	pint	53,939	93,668	361,467	398,546
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	758	524	3,143	2,810
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	116	149	635	696
- Nitric	cwt.	56	30	282	146
- Sulphuric	ton	13,697	12,848	69,774	70,130
Coal	ton	71,649	81,787	394,393	421,735
Cycles, Pedal	no.	809	839	2,657	3,215
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	118	120	650	653
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,124	1,929	10,512	9,588
- Woven Wire	no.	974	1,607	12,209	11,536
- Soft Filled	no.	3,209	3,853	15,248	17,112
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	43	71	213	321
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	27	6	113
Trailers (all types)	no.	10	24	49	105
Perambulators	no.	61	68	213	278
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,222	7,013	32,865	30,566
Superphosphates	ton	(a) 49,606	(a) 33,388	(b) 152,352	(b) 159,520
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,143	1,602	10,163	7,277

(a) October figures. November not available.

(b) Four months ended October.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
YEARS											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	55.8
QUARTERS											
March Qtr.											
1953	5.0	2.1	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	6.2	31.1	9.1
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.2
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1953	5.3	2.1	3.5	3.3	6.7	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.3	32.4	9.8
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	12.0
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.2
Sept. Qtr.											
1953	5.4	2.2	3.5	3.3	6.1	2.4	1.5	1.5	6.8	32.7	10.4
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.5
Dec. Qtr.											
1953	5.8	2.2	3.8	4.2	7.6	2.8	2.1	1.6	8.4	38.5	11.4
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	15.8

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc. Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

